2012 Urban Forest Management Plan Update

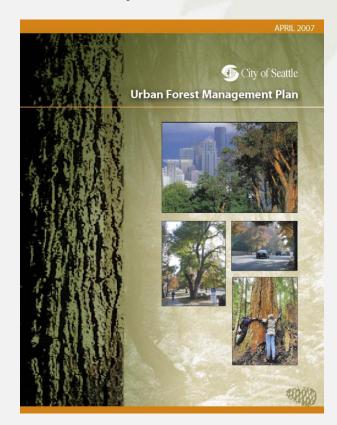
North Seattle Industrial Association

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Urban Forest Management Plan

Seattle's urban forest is a thriving and sustainable mix of tree and understory species and ages that creates a contiguous and healthy ecosystem that is valued by the City and all Seattle residents as an essential environmental, economic, and community asset.

- Created in April 2007. Being updated in 2012
- Sets 30% citywide canopy goal
- Long-, mid-, and short-term strategies
- Implemented through annual workplans
- Managed via inter-departmental team



What's new since 2007

- Urban Forestry Commission created in 2009
- Created a new, permanent position in 2011 to manage Seattle reLeaf program
 - Outreach and engagement
 - Trees for Neighborhoods 2,300 trees to date
 - Tree Ambassador 40 in 13 neighborhoods
 - Urban Orchards Stewards 58 in 9 orchards

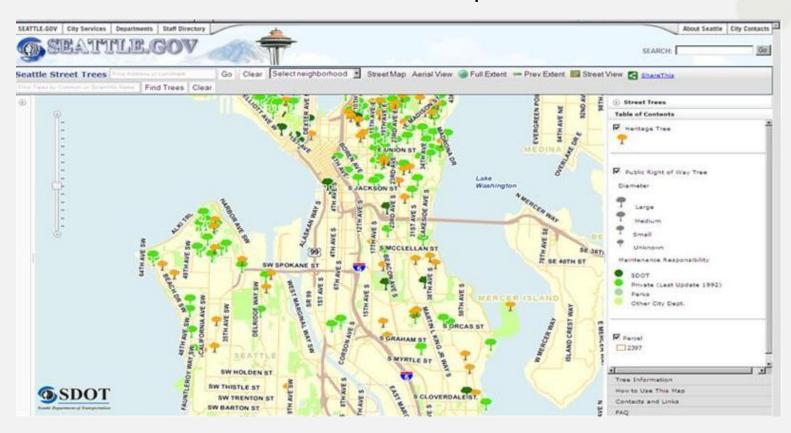








- Seattle Department of Transportation:
 - Street tree online map
 - Planted close to 4,500 trees with BTG funding
 - Street Tree ordinance and Manual update



Parks and Recreation Department:

– Green Seattle Partnership:

• Over 800 acres in restoration

Over 500,000 volunteer hours

130 Forest Stewards



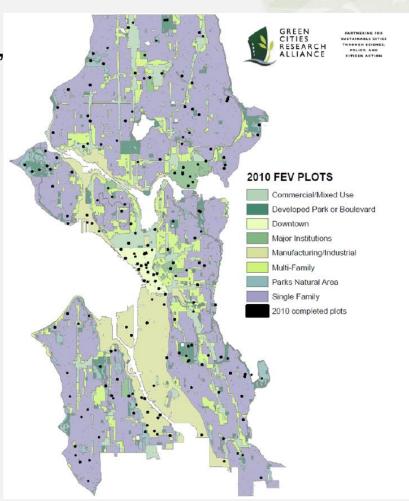
- Department of Planning and Development:
 - GreenFactor
 - Stormwater regulations and rates (with SPU)
 - Private property tree regulations update





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- iTree sampling survey
 - UW, King County, City of Seattle, and Forterra
 - 2010/2011 data from 223 plots
 - Information included in UFMP update:
 - Condition
 - Evergreen/deciduous breakdown
 - Size
 - Invasive species



UFMP 2012 update

- Citywide canopy goal remains 30%
- Strategies remain the same. Focusing on outreach and engagement in residential areas
- Incorporated new urban forest condition information
- Updated Action Agenda
- Added Research Agenda



Canopy cover goals

Citywide goal is 30% by 2037

Land Use Category	UFMP 2037 Canopy Cover Goal
Commercial/ Mixed Use	15%
Developed Park	25%
Downtown	12%
Major Institution	20%
Industrial	10%
Multi-Family	20%
Parks Natural Area	80%
Single Family	33%

Actions for industrial areas

The UFMP acknowledges unique challenges for increasing canopy cover in industrial areas due to freight mobility and other industrial operations needs

- Evaluate habitat corridor and waterways opportunities in industrial areas.
- Focus on maximizing canopy on Industrial Landscape Streets, riparian areas, and commercial properties.
- Work with private property owners and major public industrial operators to explore tree planting opportunities in industrial areas.



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